

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Campbell Airstrip Road Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$ 250,000****House District: 32 - P**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Design and Improvements for a .4 mile segment of the Campbell Airstrip Road and a paralleling multimodal pathway.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$250,000**Funding Secured

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Other Pending Requests

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Anticipated Future Need

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This Basher Community Council and Local Road Service Area passed a resolution supporting improvements to a short .4-mile section of the Campbell Airstrip Road that poses significant hazards to both pedestrians and motorists. This road is the primary access to Far North Bicentennial Park and the community of Stuckagain Heights. This small road and bike trail project is called for in the updated 1985 Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan, 2000 Anchorage Bowl Park Natural Resource and Recreation Facilities Plan, and 1996 Anchorage Areawide Trails Plan. All three plans recommended that the Campbell Airstrip Road be improved and an extension of an existing multimodal pathway be constructed. To date, most of the road has been improved except for this short section. In addition, a paved bike trail has already been completed between Tudor Road and the BLM Campbell Airstrip Parking Area except for this .4-mile missing link. If these improvements were made, they would finally provide safe access to and through the park for residents of Stuckagain Heights and east Anchorage.

Based on our prior projects on the Campbell Airstrip and Basher Roads, our LRSA Board estimates that the initial design work for this project will cost approximately \$250,000. Once this design work is completed, we will be better able to work with the municipality to include this project in future road/park bond proposals and capital improvement requests to the legislature.

**Project Timeline:**

July 08

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

LRSA &amp; MOA

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Jim Lamson

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Address:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Resolution  
of the  
Basher Community Council and Local Road Service Area  
Regarding  
Improvements to the Campbell Airstrip Rd. and Completion of a Parallel Bike Trail**

**Background:** Over the years, improvements have been made to the Campbell Airstrip Road between Tudor Road and the Campbell Airstrip parking area at Mile 1.1. In 1991, the first .3 mile of the road was re-located, significantly upgraded and a parallel bike trail developed in conjunction with the construction of the Benny Benson School. In 1993, Mile .7 to Mile 1.1 of the road was upgraded and a parallel bike trail was significantly improved. A grade-separated crossing for a dogsled trail was created and failing culverts were replaced along the North Fork of Campbell Creek.

Unfortunately, the section of the road linking these two segments from Mile .3 to Mile .7 never received funds and the road continues to be narrow, in poor condition and hazardous to both motorists and pedestrians.

**Resolution:**

**Whereas,** this is the narrowest section of the entire Campbell Airstrip Road between Tudor Road and the community of Stuckagain Heights; the only section that hasn't undergone extensive roadbed reconstruction in recent years, and is hazardous to both motorists and pedestrians who use the same road surface;

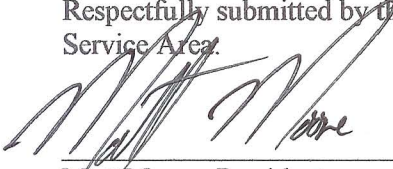
**Whereas,** this .4 mile road segment receives the highest level of both vehicular and pedestrian use because it serves as the main entrance to Bicentennial Park for the residents of east Anchorage and is the only access to the community of Stuckagain Heights;

**Whereas,** the road is in need of a significant upgrade since embankments prevent proper snowplowing and drainage, the road bed is inadequate; the road surface is too narrow, and the road possesses a poorly designed road crown;


**Whereas,** the updated 1985 Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan, 2000 Anchorage Bowl Park Natural Resource and Recreation Facilities Plan, and 1996 Areawide Trails Plan, all recommend that the Campbell Airstrip Road be improved and a parallel bike trail be constructed because this section of road is dangerous to both motorists and pedestrians a like;

**Therefore be it Resolved,**  
that the Basher Community Council and the Local Road Service Area request funding for improvements for this .4 mile segment of the Campbell Airstrip Road and for the construction of a parallel bike trail.

Respectfully submitted by the Basher Community Council and the Campbell Airstrip Road Service Area.

  
Matt Moore, President  
Basher Community Council

  
Date

  
Harry Haywood, Chair  
Section 6 / Campbell Airstrip Road  
Local Road Service Area

  
Date

Dear Representative Hawker:

At last night's Basher Community Council meeting I was appointed to contact you regarding our request for \$250,000 from the legislature for design improvements between mile 0.3 and 0.7 of Campbell Airstrip Road and the parallel missing link of the pedestrian/bike trail.

Campbell Airstrip Road is the only East side access to Bicentennial Park, Chugak State Park, BLM Campbell tract and the only access to the Stuckagain neighborhood.

- All of the Bicentennial Park and Chugak State Park trail head access parking areas are between mile 1.1 and the roads terminus at mile 5.
- According to the municipality's planning department 2006 traffic count data there were 2,408 southbound turns in a single day at the intersection of Tudor and Baxter Roads, Campbell Airstrip road is the only southbound road at this intersection.
- It is estimated that there are over 1,000,000 annual combined park users.
- The 760 acre Campbell Tract receives more visitors per year than the Campbell Creek Science Center

Mile 0.3 to 0.7 is dangerously substandard for vehicle traffic and is the missing link to the pedestrian/bicycle trail that is part of the greater Anchorage trail system. The road is extremely narrow, rough and full of large potholes. Youth groups are regularly lead to and from the parks on foot, bicycle or skis with frequent near vehicle misses. Fire and other emergency services response times are negatively impacted by this substandard access.

The entire Stuckagain neighborhood, BLM tract, Bicentennial Park and Chugak State Park are designated as extreme fire danger areas. This is the only road in and out of the area. The narrowness and surface of the road between 0.3 and 0.7 greatly impacts safe evacuation of the parks and neighborhood. In fact the Anchorage Fire Department has such concern they gave guidelines on how to best protect your self and family in the event we are unable to fully evacuate.

This section of the road has never been properly constructed. We will bring it to MOA rural neighborhood road construction standards, this will require widening, digging out poor quality sub layers, filling with appropriate drainage material and paving. The paralleling bike/pedestrian trail will require brush clearing, appropriate ground preparation and seal. The estimated cost is \$1,400,000 with construction in 2009.

The design funding is the initial step in a long term solution to the safety of all users of Campbell Airstrip Road. Once the design is complete in 2008 we will be able to work with the municipality and seek additional public and private construction funding.

Please support keeping the Campbell Airstrip Road Improvements allocation in SB221.

Thank you.

Mary Norman, Member at large  
Basher Community Council